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Weedcock U.S. envoy in Peking

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (R)--President Carter today nominated Leonard Woodcock, former head of the United Automobile Workers Union, as U.S. Amhassador to China, where he has been the senior American diplomat for the past 19 months. Mr. Woodcock, chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking since June, 1977, played a leading role in negotiations that led to the opening of normal relations between the United States and China on Jan. 1. If confirmed by the Senate, he will assume his new post on March 1, the day chosen by the two countries to exchange ambassadors. Mr. Woodcock, 67, will be returning to the United States soon to prepare for the visit of Chinese Senior Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) heginning on Jan. 29.

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plane. Aline. They may make some stops in Western Europe on their way to the U.S., but armen have heaver expected to stay only a day in Egypt, the sources said. e southern Egyptian city of Tehran and other cioes. In continuing unrest today,

three policemen were killed in the

northwestern city of Tabriz, the

major, the radio said. Informed

sources said he was shot outside

One of the dead men was a

In the southeast city of Kerman

The Tebran evening newspaper

A U.S. Embassy spokesman

identified the man as Martin Ber-

kowitz, from San Francisco. He

had served 32 years in the Air

Force and was working in Iran as

office manager for a construction

In Beirut, a rebel Lebanese

military commander said today

that 21 Iranian troops serving with

United Nations Forces in Leba-

non bad defected from their unit

because of opposition to the Shah.

an American construction com-

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before making their escape.

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and sall other members of the 38 Most family have also left the 3 C ning anti-Shah Jervour in

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MBLED WORD, he Shab of Iran is expected to pulled down by protesters in the son Arros are there tomorrow for talks southern city of Kerman today. The planned duration of the Shah's trip bas not been disclosed,

but western diplomats believe he will have to stay out of the country for a month or more to give Dr. Bakhtiar a chance of achieving a political solution to the crisis which threatens Iran's 2,500-.year-old monarchy.

During the Sbah's absence, a nine-man regency council will take over his functions as head of

Dr. Bakhtiar is hoping to win over opponents of the Shab by liberal reforms and by convicing them the king will in future reign as a constitutional monarch, and not run the country single-banded as he has done for most of his 37, years on the throne.

Earlier, Gen. Garabaghi, who will be in temporary control of the armed forces during the Shah's absence, issued a warning on the consequences of any large scale disturbances after the monarch's

'He told reporters: "Neither the

to core and Egypt from an oil crisis by samed forces nor the people would survive a confrontation

after his Majesty departs." The anti-Shah movement, led by exited religious leader Ayatollah Khomeiny, is expected to step up its street demonstracions in an attempt to force the monarch to

quit the country for good. Avatollah Khomeiny, wbo is living in exile near Paris, has already announced the formation of an Islamic revolutionary council to pave the way for a new constitution and an "Islamic

Asked about the chances of a military conp, feared by many as a possible reaction by exasperated officers loval to the monarch. Gen. Qarabaghi said: "I don't think so.

republic."

The Shah will be leaving immediately after Dr. Bakhtiar's government receives an expected confidence vote in the lower house of parliament, the Majlis, tomor-

The Senate, the upper bouse. today held a special session two days ahead of schedule and rushed through an easy confidence vote in favour of the government.

King Hussein to visit Syria

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (JNA)--His Majesty King Hussein will pay a one-day visit tn Syria nn Tuesday, it was annunced here today.

An announcement by the Royal Hashemite Cnurt said King Hussein will be accompanied by an official delegation.

During the visit, the King will confer with President Hafez Al Assad nn Arah and international issues of mulual interest to both countries," the announcement said.

It added that the twn leaders will also "review the Arab stand in the light of the current situation.

Saudis watch F-15 show

RIYADH, Jan. 15 (R)--Crown Prince Fabd of Saudi Arabia today watched a demonstration by a squadron of sophisticated United States F-15 fighters, the official Saudi News Agency reported.

Kavhan said the victim had been The Saudi news agency said the stabbed with a kitchen knife by his squadron's visit was within the assailants, who scribbled the score of cooperation between the slogan,"go back home" on a wall U.S. and Saudi air forces.

Saudi Arabia has bought 60 F-15s built by McDonnell Douglas and the most advanced jet fighter in America's arsenal, at a cost of \$2.5 billion. Delivery of the planes is not scheduled to begin

The Saudi newspaper Al Jazira reported yesterday that six F-15s would carry out a demonstration in Riyadh and six others would make an appearance at a military base in the south of the country.

His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor taking part in celebrations on Mnnday marking

Arbor Day. The ceremony was held at the premises of Al Bashir (Ashrafiyya) Hospital in Amman.

Defence Minister and his Chief of Staff, but it gave no details. their common opposition to Egyptian-Israeli peace moves.

pooling their resources for the

The details were expected to be worked out in talks between Svrian President Hafez Al Assad and Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan Al Bakr in Damascus next

week. they said. The sources said a great many administrative difficulties had to be resolved, and the two sides were reluctant to publish their plans in case the negoniations broke down at a late stage.

The diplomatic sources said the

two countries had agreed in prin-

ciple to unite under one president,

government and military com-

A major aim of the proposed accord, which would combine armed forces tatalling almost half a million men, was to swing the Middle East balance of power in the Arabs' favour.

The sources said an effective merger between the two long-time rivals would pose a serious military threat to Israel on its northeastern border. The rapprochement between Syria and Iraq was born during summit talks in Baghdad last October, out of

accords as a unilateral surrender The pace of progress towards

which have taken place over the past month on political, military and economic union.

Syria, Iraq discuss

plans for merger

DAMASCUS, Jan. 15 (R)--Syrian and Iraqi foreign ministers and defence chiefs discussed far-reaching

unity plans here today amid reports that the two countries were discussing merging into a single state.

official silence about the projected merger, disclosed by Arab diplomatic sources here vesterday.

High-powered Iraqi delegations arrived in Damascus unannounced from Baghdad as Syria maintained

The official Syrian News Agency (SANA) said the two foreign ministers reviewed intensive discussions

It said separate talks began a few hours later at the Defence Ministry, soon after the arrival of the Iraqi

sake of Arab unity against Israel has surprised western diplomats The two sides have already agreed to set up a joint military

command, and last week they announced that Iraq would resume pumping its crude oil across Syria to the Mediterranean terminal of Banias. As the Synan-Iraqi talks continued, Palestinian leaders opened a top-level conference in Damas-

cus aimed at closing ranks to resist the Egyptian-Israeli peace moves and to help achieve the goal of an independent state of their own homeland. The meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC'), a parliament-in-exile with almost 300 members, is expected to endorse demands for stepping upguerrilla warfare against Israel. Syrian President Hafez Al

Assad opened the conference tonight with an attack on Egyptian-Israeli peace moves and a pledge to continue fighting
"Zionist plots."

The Syrian leader rejected the accords as an attempt to exclude Egypt from the conference with Israel, and said the proposal for limited Palestinian self-rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza was merely a Zionist demand. He said Syria and the Palestine

brothers-in-arms against all such Zionist plots, and he 'ooked forward to the day when the council could meet again in Jerusalem. He also referred to a growing Syrian-Iraqi alliance, but made no menuon of reports by Arab diplomatic sources here that the two

countries were planning to merge into a single state. The president said Syria. Iraq were resolved to translate their new-found unity into action, and this would provide an important boost for the Palesunian resis-

tance movement. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat later presented Mr. Assad with a silver replica of the main mosque in Jerusalem and pledged that one day they would enter the Moslem holy place together.

PNC Speaker Khaled Fahoum also condemned the Camp David

The newspaper said that the Kampuchea

steps up offensive at UN forces would take Poipet as it was

BANGKOK, Jan. 15 (R)--The new pro-Vietnamese administranon in Kampuchea (Cambodia) today stepped up a diplomane offensive against the government of ousted Prime Minister Pol Pot as its military attack came within earshot of the Thai border.

Pro-Vietnam

The Hanoi-backed Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council of Heng Samrin sent a letter to the Chairman of the United Nations Security Council today saying any meeting on the Kampucbean problem held without its voice would be a violation of the country's sovereignty.

Hanoi's radio and news agency

also issued a statement by the new Phnom Penh administration's foreign ministry saying the Secunity Council's dehate on charges of Vietnamese aggression in Kampuchea would damage the U.N. body's prestige.

The diplomatic offensive against the Pol Pot government coincided with a continuing drive by Vietnamese-led forces in Kampuchea, fanning out to the north and south of the border town of Poipet.

Senior Thai military sources at the border said today they did not believe the insurgent movement's not a strategically important town.

At the United Nations, ignoring a Soviet veto threat, seven nonaligned states formally proposed today that the U.N. Security Council call for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Kam-

which it was expected to supersede, the draft neither identified the foreign forces as Vietnamese nor condemned their alleged intervention.

ution, on hehalf of his own country, together with Bangladesh. Bolivia, Gabon, Jamaica, Nigeria and Zambia.

proposal was expected to be put to a vote later tonight. They said all the members except the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia appeared likely to support the

A Soviet veto would prevent the Council from taking any positive decision on the complaint of Vietnamese aggression which the Chinese-backed government of Kampuchea brought last week.

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Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdalla Bishara introduced the new resol-

Diplomaue sources said the

of Arab and Palesonian rights, and said President Sadat was an isolationist leader who did not express the will of his people.

The meening in a trade union conference centre adjourned after less than an hour. Delegates were due to hegin their first working session tomorrow morning.

On eve of Atherton's visit

Israeli remarks on settlements conflict

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. fly to Aswan, for talks with Pres-15 (R)--Israeli Prime Minister ident Anwar Sadat, Menachem Begin would willingly participate in another summit meeting with U.S. President Carter and Egyptian President Anwar . reflected growing dissension Sadat to overcome current dif-

Israeli officials said today. President Carter said in Atlanta would not hesitate to call such a summit to get a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton is scheduled to arrive in Israel tonight in the latest U.S. mediation effort in the Mid-

dle East Israeli officials believe the envoy's main aim will be to try to get the two countries to budge from their positions to overcome the obstacles in the negotiations.

In Cairo, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram said today Mr. Atherton will convey Ameri-Liberation Organisation (PLO) can and Israeli views on a working would continue to fight as paper sent to Washington by Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha

> During his visit to Egypt expected on Wednesday or Thursday, the newspaper said, Mr. Atherton will seek a formula acceptable to both Egypt and arrangements in Sinai after an Israeli withdrawal, and Egypt's insistence that a peace treaty with the Zionist state should not override its commitments to other Arah states.

Egypt has stressed that security arrangements with Israel in Sinai should he reviewed after five

Al Abram said the question of linkage between the bilateral treaty and a umetable for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip would probably be left for a subsequent tripartite ministerial meeting.

U.S. special envoy and the State Department's Legal Adviser Herbert Hansell would meet Dr. Khalil and Acung Foreign Minister Bntros Ghali. Then he might

Meanwhile, conflicting official statemeots about Jewish settlement on Arab land today within the Israeli cabinet over bow

ficuldes and reach a peace accord, to bandle this issue at a time of new Middle East peace moves. After a day of denials that any last night that if necessary he new settlement in occupied territory had been authorised, a government spokesman last night admitted that two new outposts.

had been approved in the Jordan Valley and one io the Gaza Strip. The spokesman, Cahinet Secretary Arye Naor, explained the earlier denials by saving that be and other officials had assumed questioners were asking about

civilian settlements. The three settlements authorised, Mr. Naor said, were in fact Nabal outposts--meaning settlements manned entirely by men and women soldiers.

Yesterday's official pronouncements appear charactenstic of the evasive and flatly contradictory statements made recently on the subject by government leaders, observers said. With a United States peace mis-

sion due here tomorrow to try to revive negooations on a peace tre-Israel on two issues: security aty with Egypt, Israeli ministers were clearly anxious 10 avoid any moves which might inflame American and Arah opinion.

The officially-defined Israeli attitude is that, now the threemonth senlement freeze accepted at the Camp David summit has expired, Israel is free to place new settlers at will.

Aides close to Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, an ardent advocate of mass Jewish settlement on Arah land, have said plans are ready for a new settler

The opposition Labour alignment also seems in two minds over the settlement issue. When Labour was in power it authorised Jewish outposts in the Jordan Valley and other areas. But it refused to let Gush Emunim move into populated Arah areas.

Brezhnev: Arab rights, detente not in conflict He said that the Soviet Union

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (R)--Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev said in an interview published today that detente was not contradicted by the Arab struggle for the return of lands scized by Israel or by the right of the Palestinians to set up their state.

He said the United States had given him little encouragement in the last two years to improve relations, but he still hoped a new arms limitation treaty would be signed soon.

On the recent establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and China, Mr. Brezhnev said some people in the United States and other western countries were tempted to turn China into "an instrument of pressure" on the socialist world.

"On the whole, over the last couple of years, there have been few encouraging moments, to be frank, in Soviet-American relations," Mr. Brezhnev said.

sees no obstacles to reestablishing friendly relations with Peking, if China "becomes more reasonable and peaceful." China was making a lot of noise

about the intervention of Vietnam in Cambodian affairs, and "it's another example of the anti-Vietnamese, chauvinistic nature of the policy of the present Chinese leadership..." he said.

On attemps of Moscow and Washington to conclude a new Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) accord. Mr., Brezhnev said work on the new agreement was drawing to a close. He expressed hope that "President Carter and I will be able in the near future to affix our signatures to the

Mr. Brezhnev gave a lengthy definition of detente, saying it meant a willingness to resolve differences at the negotiating table.

garda claims Tanzania bombarded border (AIROBI Jap 15 (R) Uganda said today Tanzanian forces had arried out a heavy bombardment across their common border est of Lake Victoria and the situation was "very tense." Uganda tadie said President Idi Amin bad issued a warning that his forces light be forced to retaliate by breaking through Tanzanian posions. The radio quoted a military spokesman as calling on all rembers of the Eigendan armed forces to be on full alert and armed civilians to exercise care when travelling to areas near the anzanian border. The radio said there had been "intense bomardment, but no casualties on the Ugandan side.

South African police hunt black guerrillas

RETORIA, Jan. 15, (R)-South African police were today mating a group of black guerrillas in farmland near the Botswana order after a weekend clash in which one guerrilla was killed and mother captured. The search was continuing although police effewed the guerrillas bad already crossed back into Botswana, form where they came. Tracks of the seven-man group were ncked up near the border and on Saturday security forces caught with them. In a clash, one man, believed to be the leader, was hot dead, another captured and a third apparently wounded, tolice said. The wounded man and the other four escaped.

Saudi, German aides discuss fighting inflation

ADH Jan. 15 (R) Saudi Planning Minister Hisham Nazer milerrad fiere today with West German Minister of Economic coperation Ramer Offergeld, who is paying an official visit to

Saudi Arabia, the official Saudi Press Agency reported. It said the talks dealt with bilateral cooperation in planning and combatting

Pakistan denies it has defaulted foreign debts

Similar celebrations were held throughout the Kingdom.

RAWALPINDI. Jan. 15 (R)-Pakisian said today there was no question that it had defaulted on its external dehts, nor did it intend to do so in the future. Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan told reporters: "We bave faithfully paid duly all that we owed to any country". He said Pakistan's foreign exchange position was quite sound. But it was negotiating bilaterally for debt relief in the light of a United Nations Commission for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) resolution by developing countries in Geneva last year. Negotiations were continuing with the United States, France, Germany, Japan, Italy and Canada, he said. Mr. Ishaq was speaking after a cabinet meeting which agreed to cut non-development expenditure in the fiscal year ending next June.

Tunisian, Moroccan aides discuss trade

RABAT, Jan. 15 (R)--Tunisian Commerce Minister Slaheddine Mbarek today had talks with Moroccan Commerce and Industry Minister Abdelkamel Reghay in the southern city of Marrakesh. Mr. Reghay went to Marrakesh to attend ceremonies welcoming visiting Guinea President Ahmed Sekou Toure, Mr. Mbarek, who arrived here yesterday, is to return to the capital tomorrow to attend a three-day meeting of the joint Moroccan-Tunisian commission which officials said will examine bilateral trade and the possibility of cooperation in industrial projects such as synthetic fibres, wood and tonrism.

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Landmark event

Another dramatic attempt at Arab unity is about to be tried, according to reports from Damascus on the contemplated full unification of Syria and Iraq as one nation

This development has less to do with the long history of ups and downs in relations between these two countries than with events which have occurred within the past year--notably the Egyptian-American-Israeli negotiations and the Arab reaction to them.

Iraqi-Syrian unification is a predictable, almost automatic, response to the stimulus of Camp David. The Arab World is organic in its way of adapting itself to conditions: isolate, suppress or remove one part of it in one place, and another part will grow up elsewhere to replace it. The emergence of this vital new force on the eastern flank of the Arab-Israeli front is in clear reaction to the prospect of the amputation of Egypt from the Arab corpus on the western front. It is thus as much a lesson to the Americans of the consequences of their one-sided peacemaking efforts in the Middle East, as it is a salutary example to the rest of the Arabs of the capacity of once estranged members of the Arab family to make amends in their relationship in the face of a very real challenge to their very existence.

Of course no one, least of all the Syrians and Iraqis themselves and their present leaders, need have any illusions about the difficulties which greeted previous attempts at unifying their two countries or reconciling their rival Baathist factions. But the progress of Iraqi-Syrian unification talks since the two parties settled their quarrel last October has been a model for others to emulate, and has already resulted in joint political and economic strides which will yield tangible results for the people of the two countries (or of the new unitary state).

We in Jordan, sharing borders with both Iraq and Syria, as well as sharing with them front-line responsibilities in the struggle against Zionist expansionism, can not but be affected by this latest development. Increased inter-Arab coordination is obviously necessary in the face of the provocative Egyptian-American-Israeli attempt to neutralise our readiness, and our capacity, to resist Zionist designs. The Iraqi-Syrian unity moves are therefore a landmark event in the history of the Arab nation.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'l Monday pays special attention to the Arbor Day celebration which His Majesty King Hussein presided at the Al Bashir Hospital in Amman Monday while similar functions took place over other parts of the Kingdom.

The newspaper urges the Jordanians to plant as many trees as possible, enumerating the numerous beautoous, economic and touristic benefits of the trees. It says the desert-like character of most of Jordan's land has necessitated that its people give Arbor Day more than a symbolic meaning by planting fruit and forest trees in the fields, on the hills and in their home gardens.

Commenting on the meeting of the Palestine National Council in Damascus Monday. AL DUSTOUR calls upon the conferees "to assess, rationally and objectively, the critical stage through which the Palestinian issue is now passing so as to push the "Palestinian actions" steps forward."

The newspaper expects the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty to be signed this year despite expectations to the contrary. Reports from Washington indicate that following the signing of the peace treaty the U.S. will be ready to open dialogue with all parties concerned to give the peace process begun in Camp David a new streamline, probably through new methods.

In anticipation of such an event. Al Dustour says, the Arabs and Palestinians should now think seriously of the post-signature period. Will they agree on entering a dialogue with the U.S.? And on what terms and conditions will they agree? And who will talk for the Palestinians and what will be the final aim? And lastly what is the alternative--in details, not in generalities--of the self-rule plan and the second Camp David agreement?

Some people may argue that these questions had been wholly or mostly dealt with in the Baghdad summit. But in the event an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is signed, the questions that would be put to the Palestinians and Arabs of the Baghdad summit would be more specifie and consequently need more definite answers, the newspaper says.

The newspaper also raises the big question of whether the Palestine issue has to be solved by political or military means.

WHAT'S GOING ON

German Film

The Goethe Institute presents a film entitled "Strohfeuer" by Volker Schlondorff at 8:00 p.m. Subtitles in English.

Painting Exhibit

The exhibition of paintings by Egyptian artist Ahmad Chiha is on display at the Art Gallery of the Ministry of Culture and Youth. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. daily.

Haya Arts Centre to launch nationwide literary, artistic competitions in 1979

By Breda Finegan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- 1979 will witness a major talent hunt by the Haya Arts Centre which has organised a vast competition for International Year of the Child in which everyone can join.

The idea is that people who think they have some talent in writing or theatre-be they Jordantans or foreigners--can submit work to the centre during this year. Monetary prizes and medals will be awarded to the winners.

Mr. Nabil Sawalha, the Director of the Haya Arts Centre, told the Jordan Times that the competition will be in eight areas. There will be prizes for the best children's story. play, short story, three best poems, the best produced play. the best produced musical, the most active children's library in Jordan, and the most talented children in either music, mime, singing or reading.

All stories, plays and poems submitted must be for children even though adults may take part in the competition. Mr. Sawalha

Conditions for taking part in the competition are that the work must be written for a specified age group, must be either directly or indirectly of educational value to children, and it must draw on the traditions, history and culture al the Arab world. Written work must be suh-

mitted to the Haya Arts Centre no later than June. Entries which will the first prize in their category will be produced at the Haya Aris Centre in November. The plays will be staged and the winning stories and poems will be recited. The highest cash prize will be

JD200 and the lowest JD4tt, More details can be obtained directly from the Haya centre. An intoimation leaflet about the competition has been circulated to schools in Jordan.

To mark International Year of the Child the Haya Arts Centre has already printed 18,0000 large attractive calenders. Each month is represented by a different drawing by one of the children at the centre. Underneath it is a photo of amateur theatre! the artist and a little bit of personal information.

The event which launched actual celebrations at the centre for International Year of the Child Damascus Puppet Troupe. Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday the troupe presented nine shows of "Jamileh and the Fox," a short children's story about cooperation

The Haya Arts Centre expanded last year and several small Haya centres were set up in towns and villages. The puppet troupe will be back in June to tour the country with a repertoire of four or five plays which will be shown at all Haya centres. The tour is being organised in cooperation with the Syrian Ministry of Culture and Information.

Haya centre goes in for in a big way--not just lending books, but

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Jurdanian Committee for the International Year of the Child and Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline.

a book on arts and crafts and one on children's stortes, the centre is now preparing to publish a book of children's plays. The new book will contain 15 plays for children as well as practical advice on

As a special effort for year of the child, the centre has opened its doors to deaf and dumb children as well. These children will become members free of charge was a three-day run by the and will produce a special show sometime during this year.

At the beginning of February an exhibition of children's paintings will open in cooperation with the Jordanian-Indian Friendship of the child. Mr. Sawalha has just returned

to Amman from a tour of the country with a list of centres and libraries that are being planned in various rowns. Aqaba will soon have a Haya

centre in one of its parks and in three months or so, Mr. Sawalha said, another centre will be Books seem to be something the opened in a residential area of the port city.

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The Haya centre is working on

publishing them as well, Following three new libraries for Irbid: one in cooperation with the women's union and one with the mun-

Zarqa, which did not have a single children's library last year. will soon have three.

Mr. Sawalha said the Hava centre provides moral, technical and financial assistance to

isations wishing to start children's at the Hussein charity centre, one libraries. If the library building in any town or village is large, it is often converted into a Haya At the start of its life in 1976 the

Hava Arts Centre was serving an estimated 2.000 children in the Amman area. Now, Mr. Sawalha says, that figure has reached the 12,000 mark and includes chilmunicipalities and other organdren all over the country.



Jordanian-Syrian committee endorses

joint investment programmes

AMMAN. Jan. 15 (JNA)-The Jordanian-Syrian joint committee studying programmes of joint investment companies ended its meetings here today after endorsing programmes and the operation of these companies. It also endorsed steps to be adopted for the establishment of the Jordanian-Syrian company for economic studies and the Jordanian-Syrian commercial bank. The committee has decided to hold another meeting prior to the convening of the Jordanian-Syrian Higher Joint Committee. The Jordanian side the committee meetings was led by Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani and the Syrian side was led by the Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohammad Al Imadi. The heads of the committee yesterday met with the Prime Minister Mudar Badran and briefed him on the progress of the committee's work within the framework of the two countries' integration programme. Dr. Al Imadi and his team left for Damascus today.

Cabinet approves loan from Kuwait

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (JNA)--The Cabinet has approved a 3.900,000 kuwaiti dinar loan agreement with the Kuwait Economic Development Fund. The sum will be in the form of shares in the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Co. project under execution in the Aqaba area.

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Canadian opposition leader to visit Jordan dto after talks in Israel

(Agencies)--Leader of the Cana- Middle East developme dian opposition Progressive Cnn- Clark is currently on a servative Party, Mr. Joe Clark is has taken him to Japan due here on Wednesday at the head of a four-member delegation for a several-day visit to Jordan. The delegation, to arrive via King Hussein Bridge from the occupied West Bank, will hold talks with

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Queen Noor to

chair meeting

Child plans AMMAN, Jan. 15 (J.T.)-Her

Majesty Queen Noor is due to chair a meeting of officials at the Interior Ministry tomorrow to review preparations now going on in various governorates for the celebration of the International Year of the Child. At the meeting to be attended by the Minister of toterior Suleiman Arar, governors and celebrations committees, dates will be fixed for the holding of celebrations in each governorate starting early in March to culminate with celebrations in Amman early next November, ·

AMMAN. Jan. 15 Jordanian ufficials un s

Speaking to newsmen in Israel, he said par

The Canadian visitor Israeli Prime Munistre Begin tomorrow and talks with opposition Party leader Shimin

Answering reporters at the airport Mr. Clark understanding is that if an arrangement made: with the U.S. to prote on Year of the any shortfall caused in ation in Iran. 💎 🦂

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U.S. trade mission

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AMMAN, Jan. 15 (J.T)--Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani discussed here today with a visiting U.S. Water Jordanian joint development pro- tions. Companies, ref iects. The nine-member U.S. team the mission include me which arrived here resterday on a ... of desaluation sy

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Mr. Taha says that he per-

Up until now most of his work

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company. "The client expects it."

has been in Jordan-one of the

biggest jobs was the Islamic Hos-

pital, where he installed air con-

ditioning and refrigeration at a

Mr. Taha has also attempted to

The attempt was not very suc-

cessful because he says: "There

are too many communications

problems and the client there

expects you to do all the work,

they don't realise that you have to

delegate responsibility." Saudi

Arabia is not completely off the

list though, because Mr. Taha is

looking for a foreign company

with which to embark on some

Starting out in 1968 "without a fils beyond the JD 300 which I put

into the rent of the office," Mr

Taha really had nowhere to go but

up. From that modest beginning

he now claims an annual turnover

of \$8 million and has 124 per-

manent employees engaged at his

factory, Artcool, 10 kms outside Amman, and his administrative

office and design office and show-

rooms on Prince Mohammad

self and Jordan. Let's hope other

up and coming Jordanian enter-

Street downtown.

prises follow his lead.

joint venture projects there.

break into the Saudi market.

It Jord Jordanian company is first in Arab World to receive Gold Mercury Award

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

State than he land Speaking to beken their working lives, some regard on Mr. Taha. with cold disdain and others var - In fact his Italian friend expreying shades of envy, has dropped quite unexpectedly into the lap of Mr. Abdul Rahm Taha.

Mr. Teha is the first Jordanian and in fact the first Arab, to have earned himself and his company the with office the Gold Mercury International the airput Vice Award for his contribution to productive development and international cooperation," so

reads the certificate.
The award was presented to Mr. arrangement ne Shortfall (du-Taha for his work in the field of industrial refrigeration, air conditioning and plumbing during a day-long ceremony attended by hundreds of big businessmen and industrial moguls at the Fine Arts. Palace in Mexico City in November last year.

At the same teremony sian concern scooped the award for industrial chemistry and an aplying periode given for other fields including unknown number of awards were music, medicine, finance and

the U.S. I. day journalism to name just a few. it Israel is the In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Taha admitted that he had never heard of the Gold Mercury Award until he received or Clark said notification from the Secretary political see General of the executive comnucle from sels mittee of the Centro Ciornalistico. Annali-the group based in Rome which organises the award-telling which organises the award-

Upon receiving the letter Mr. Taha had to telephone a colleague in Italy to find out what it meant. On hearing a very enthusiastic reception to the news the imporsive goal which some strive for all-tance of the award began to dawn

ssed amazement at Mr. Taha's achievement and declared that he a Jordanian mechanical engineer; had been trying to get that very award for years himself.

So, how did it happen that an apparently ordinary concern in Jordan caught the attention of such a large international organisation without the bead of the local concern even being aware of

According to Mr. Taha, the Centro Giornalistico "has eyes everywhere", which are scouting for enterprising concerns upon which to bestow its apparently much covetted awards.

Now that Mr. Taha has received the award he will keep in touch with the Centro Giornalistico Annali and from time to time as he sees fit will make recommendations to it as to likely candidates for the Gold Mercury.

Mr. Taha, who is of Palestinian origin, believes his company--Abdul Rahim Taha, Mechanical Engineers-was chosen this, the 18th, year of the award for pioneering a cooling system which has been specially adapted by Mr. Taha to suit the hot climate of Jordan and is both easy to operate and cheap. It is produced at his factory, Artcool, near Amman.

Mr. Taha will have to wait until February, when Centro Gior-

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Fifty two countries are involved in the Gold Mercury International Award. Each country takes its turn at bosting the annual award giving ceremony.

The head of state of the host country receives a "peace" award each year at the beginning of the ceremony. Among heads of state to have received this in the past are Georges Pompidou of France in 1972; the Shah of Iran in 1975; Gerald Ford, President of the United States, in 1976 and Yugoslavia's Marshal Josip Broz Tito in

Interesting awards given in the past also include one to the Times newspaper of London in 1972 and more recently one to the Guif Daily News, based in Bahrain.

The first Gold Mercury Award in 1960 was purely an Italian affair, which expanded to a European award some years later and broke into the international scene around 1970.

Three groups of people are involved in the selection of who the award is to be given to. These are a nominations committee, a selection commission and an awards commission.

Companies are considered with view to their efforts to update their factories or workshops, better working conditions, and their record in international cooperation and any special initiative taken to establish collaboration among the various branches of the

Draft law for Agaba Region Authority sent by Cabinet to NCC The award is given in rec-

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (J.T.)-The government has drawn up plans encourage growth and professional development and is for the establishment of an Aqaba Region Authority, along the lines available to all companies proof the Jordan Valley Authority. ducing or contributing to the pro-

A draft law for creation of the Agaba authority was referred by the Cabinet to the National Consultative Council for study. Under this new law the Agaba.

benefit of the European and Region Authority would be established with financial and administrative independence. An Mr. Taha established his comadministrative board will be pany in Amman in 1968 after receiving his training in Egypt and formed, chaired by the authority president. Its members will consist gaining two years work experience on the Aswan Dam and working of the under-secretary of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural nn the heavy machinery in large Affairs, secretary general of the National Planning Council, direc-When I started in Jordan the tor of the Lands and Survey field was wide open," Mr. Taha Department, the governor of the

Aqaba District, the mayor of Aqaba, the director general of the Agaba Port, the director general of Tourism and a representative from the Armed Forces. The authority will be respons-

ible for developing the region of Aqaba economically, socially and organisationally as well as developing and improving the environment and living condition in the region. This should get around the duplicity of bodies responsible for developing the town and the lack of an integrated economic, social and cultural plan for development.

Extensive powers will be given the new authority by the govcramen for working out a plan for developing the region from its

Pro-Palestinian church editordies

AMMAN. (J.T.)-Word has been received here of the death recently in Toronto, Canada, of Rev. Alfred C. Forrest, editor for 23 years of the monthly United Church Observer and a controversial Canadian supporter of the Arab cause.

Mr. Forrest, who was 62, incurred Zionist wrath in Canada aftet publishing articles spelling out the Palestinian viewpoint in the Arab-Israeli dispute, and his insistence that a settlement must include recognition of the national rights of the Palestinians and a full withdrawal of Israel 10 the pre-1967 borders. It was one of many controversial issues which he tackled in the Observer, whose circuladon grew under his editor-ship from 150,000 to 312,000.

> Former Hebron mayor here for check-up

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (JNA)--Hebron's former mayor Sheikh Mohammad Ali Al Ja'bari is currently undergoing a medical check-up at Al Hussein Medical City.

Sheikh Al Ja'bari arrived from

the West Bank Friday morning. Coming & Going

Minister of Education off to Kuwait, Iraq

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (JNA)-Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali left for visits to Kuwait and Iraq yesterday. During the week-long trip he will discuss with officials ways of further strengthening Jordan's educational cooperation with the two countries.

Australian delegation to arrive

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (J.T.)--A delegation representing the Australian Institute of International Affairs is due here tomorrow for a several-day visit to Jordan. Its members will have talks with Jordanian officials on the latest Middle East developments. The visit is part of a study

tour of the Middle East which will include Syria and Egypt. The institute is a non-political body established in 1929. Discussions will concentrate on economic development and the prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Jordan to attend Arab information ministers' conference

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (JNA)--Jordan is to take part in the Arab information ministers' conference to be held in Baghdad towards the end of this month. The Cabinet at yesterday's session decided on the formation of a tour-member delegation to the conference which will be led by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh. The conference is expected to last one week

RSS official leaves for Italy

A'MMAN, Jan. 15 (JNA)-Deputy Director of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Dr. Fakhreddine Al Daghestani left for Rome vesicrday on a five-day visit to Italy. He will have talks with EEC officials at the EEC inini research centre on cooperation between the RSS and the centre in the field of computerised programmes. RSS participation in the centre's annual seminars. bilateral cooperation in the exploitation of solar energy and the training of Jordanians at the EEC centre.

wife and four daughters.

He was the author of two books:

The Unholy Land," about the

Middle East, and "Not Tomor-

row. Now." He is survived by his



Mr. Alfred C. Forrest

NCC adjourns debate on levies to support universities

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 15 -- The National Consultative Council (NCC) today sidestepped debate of a draft law to increase government levies in support of universities in Jordan. Debate on the issue was adjourned to allow the govemment time to show cause why the increases are necessary.

Sources at the NCC explained that the council was wary of voting for any additional taxes in the wake of the criticism to which the NCC was subjected after sup-porting the five-fold increase in passport fees last year. Prime Minister Mudar Badran told the council that there had been complaints that the existing levies in hudgetary support of the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University were unfair because they involved the payment on a lump sum basis.

"In response to wishes of certains groups, we amended the law to make it fairer and more just. But if this law is rejected it means that the present law will remain in force." Premier Badran said.

Mr. Badran went on to say that the two universities have large budgets. Even given the subsidy from the state, the revenues of the universities are not sufficient to cover their expenses. The Prime Minister also pointed out that the University of Jordan has 10,000 students and Yarmouk is expected

He said each of the two universities has its own board of trustees which approves its budget without referring the matter to the cabinet. This is done to guaran the independence of the two u

Premier Badran said the exp sion of the University of Jorg has been completed. The f batch of students from the fact of Medicine graduated last ye but the state subsidy to the Uversity was only haif a mill dinars from the state budget year. The University Hospita being given support under agreement between it and Ministry of Health whereby ministry used to give the hosp the sum of JD 1.5 million and ally. This sum was raised to JI million this year.

Premier Badran said the p vious law was approved by house of representatives but co tained injustices in certa respects. When Yarmouk U versity was later established it v felt that it was necessary to sta dardise collection of levies for

Observers say rejection of a draft law by the NCC will put government in a difficult position The board of the University Jordan has already approved s ary increases for its staff and ne the new levies to pay for this.

The government could, course, go ahead and enforce new law without the approval the NCC, as the council's appro is not necessary by law and account are not hinding on government. However, the go ernment has so far consulted NCC before passing any new la and has consistently abided resolutions of the council.

Exchange Report Stock Amman

NAME OF COMPANY	Value	Traded	Offer	Offer	Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	2,838	6.580	6.600	6.600
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	2,683	14.100	14.150	14.150
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1.000	432	2.160	2.200	2.160
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	. D 5.000	388	16.850	17.000	16.900
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	8.513	1.040	1.080	1.040
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and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	· 90		_	1.800
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	1,235	1.340	1.350	1.350
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1.000	1.925			0.770
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Agricultural Co.	JD 1.000	1,275	2.500	_	2.550
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5.000	1,678	8.600	9.000	8.610
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick					•
Industries Co.	JD 5.000	180	4.500	4.550	4.500
Jordan National Rauk	JD 5.000	2,855	7.100	7.150	7.100
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	10,237	_	9.750	9.750
Arab International Hotels Co.	ло 1.000	322	0.730	0.770	0.740
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1.000	587	0.770	0.800	0.780
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Jordan-Syrian aviation meeting

DAMASCUS, Jan. 15 (JNA)--The Jordanian-Syrian joint committee for coordination in the field of civil aviation concluded its meeting here today.

The committee decided that its sub-committee entrusted with studying regulations and laws convene on Feb. 10 in Amman to work out a programme for adopting the new civil aviation regulations agreed on.

It also decided to urge the Jordanian and Syrian national airlines to hold meetings for coordination in operating joint flights and to report on their work to the Jordanian-Syrian joint committee on air transport and civil aviation.

The two sides reviewed at their meetings the possibility of launching the Damascus-Ramtha air route for further facilitating flights between Amman and Damascus.

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GENEVA -- Trade unionists world-wide have declared war on asbestos, which they say is shortening the lives of millions of workers. Some of them are calling for a total ban on its use in industry, and the substitution of other, less toxic, materials.

The case against asbestos as a danger to health is trenchantly presented in a new publication by the International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) concerned exclusively with problems of health and safety at work.

In its second issue, the IMF publication lists a whole range of raw materials and chemical substances used in industry which allegedly damage workers' health following constant exposure. Among them are arsenic, chromium, cutting oils, vinyl chloride, styrene butadiene and benzidine, but by far the most dangerous of all, it is claimed, is asbestos.

The 1MF bulletin reports calculations by the US National Cancer Institute that about 20-25 per cent of all workers heavily exposed to this material die of lung cancer, another 8-10 per cent of stomach cancer and cancer of the intestines, and 7-10 per cent of pleural or peritoneal complaints. Deaths caused exclusively by asbestos are said to account for about 17 per cent of all cancer fatalities in the United States.

The Institute bases its constudy of Americans who during the Second World War were employed on shipbuilding, where asbestos is noise insulation, and so forth.

Trade unions in many countries are increasingly concerned at the dangers of several substances commonly used in industry. The biggest killer, they claim, is asbestos, which could be shortening the lives of millions of workers.

Since 1976, "blue" asbes-

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estimated 4m or so workers in The Swedish unionists claim that industry, between 35 and that the substance can be nox-44 per cent -- or around 1.6m. ious even when inhaled in only have already died, or even- small amounts, and are trying tually will die, of a disease to get the threshold of perbrought on by the material. mitted exposure down to the

These were all workers minimum possible. But they heavily exposed to it. Among also call for the use of alterothers not so much exposed, native materials wherever and the effect was only less as quickly as possible. lethal--an estimated 550,000 out of a total of some 4.7m. tos, considered especially employed. Since the end of the dangerous, has been banned in war. the death rate has con- Sweden, largely at the instigtinued at an average of 67,000 ation of the trade union or so cases a year. The workers movement. Now they want its involved have been widely use in any form outlawed, notemployed using asbestos in ably in the construction of new building and demolition work. buildings, one of the main in machinery construction, and markets for asbestos in in other trades besides ship- peacetime.

The same kind of documen- ish unions demand that all tation, carried out by the workers directly exposed to Cancer Institute with the the material in any form be co-operation of the US subjected to regular medical National Institute of examinations, including Environmental Health Sci- X-rays. This demand also ences, is not available for all applies to workers no longer in countries. However, in a such jobs. If a worker is transnumber of them the trade ferred from handling of asbesunions are no less aroused over tos for health reasons, care the threat from asbestos.

In Sweden the national Con- job will not expose him to clusions, in large part, on a federation of Trade Unions other substances that might has adopted an action prog- aggravate his condition. ramme designed eventually to The British Trades Union bring about a total ban on the Congress also now advocates a use of the material in industry; ban on the use of the material widely used for fire protection. and, meanwhile, to regulate in certain industrial processes. closely the conditions under Two reports have recently

committee set up to investigate the subject.

The first calls attention to the high incidence of bad health among workers employed in the application of

The editorial concludes with this call: "If a person's injury is caused by the working environment and leads to incapacity for work, this affects the whole family, especially in countries without occupational insurance cover for the employees... We have learned to fight for better pay--now we must also fight for health and safety at the workplace?7.

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asbestos in heat and acoustic insulation. The report calls for this practice, and asbestos spraying, to be abolished. The responsible authorities should be informed in advance by suppliers of the material of any such applications, so that protective measures may be taken, says the TUC.

The second TUC report calls for investigation into the effect of asbestos on the atmosphere in general, apart from the direct working envi-

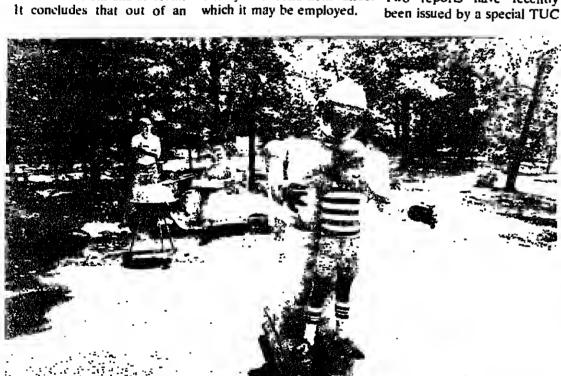
In an editorial the IMF urges the trade union movement as a whole to emphasise the need for greater protection of members from the hazards to health created by working with cancer-causing substances, including asbestos. In addition, pressure should be applied to register cases of such occupational diseases with the authorities, so that help can be given to the vic-

This strange-looking device called 'Spyder', can carry one-and-a-half times its own weight, scale a 17 degree gradient fully loaded and 'cling' to the back of a lorry. Unlike conventinnal materials handling equipment, 'Spyder' does not rely on heavy coun-terbalance weights to provide stability. Its articulated construction radius of only 69 inches (175 cm) balance by shifting the centre of gravity within the space frame. gradients up to 17 degrees, 'Spy-

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Benjamin Skora is a born handyman. For thirty years he's made anything out of anything. His latest maslerpiece is a household robot that walks, serves... makes things, and even has a human face. Six years ago, Ben Skora, a hypnotist by profession, piled up \$2000 worth ol old car parts and refrigerator motors in his garden. Three years laler, AROK, his robot, was born, in his image. He weighs 230 lbs., is 1 meter 90 cm. tall, and can lift up to 130 lbs. His lalented inventor figured that he cost \$500,000 based on a salary of \$20 per hour. AROK is the delight of Mrs. Skora: he uses the vacuum cleaner, takes out the garbage, serves at lable or during drinks. Moreover he talks to her--not by moving lips but through a loudspeaker. All thal of course under the watchful eye of his lather who controls all his gestures and words-the latter recorded on tape placed in his back. Ben Skora does not want to slop with this success. At present he's building an even more sophisticated campanion, AROK II. the first descendent of a generation which will no doubt have many children all over the world. And why not in your home. in the year 2000?



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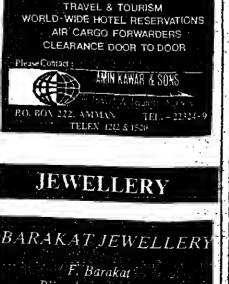
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Bid two diamonds. It might 2m strange to overcall in a and major, but you should look a major, but you should look are the action gets back to be in four furts. If you overcall one space w, you will then have to choose the action of the distance tween suppressing the dia-ond suit or introducing it at the e-level. By bidding two twoods now, you will be able show both of your suits conently Towns

East West vulnerable, South rou hold; AK872 OKJ 095 \$16943 bidding has proceeded: Pass 1 Pass

hat do you bid now?

Partner surely has a six-rel saint, and you have the troplent of a light opening bid. for fore, you are in game tergory. Since your hand does con-fin a lot of losers, we would acipt a conservative raise to: m speed of ree hearts. However, with two its the more in partner's suit, that gine Have stice. Bid four hearts.

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Follow every shift and an express the urge to leap to three no should be in slam to that the way to handle in signal to partner's hand rather than through it. A cue-bid of three houses we recommend a strength and distribution quite alcely. on where with one heart. What do you --

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Q5-As South, vuinerable, you hold:

+98 ♥AKQ92 ○K86 +A94 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♥ Pass 2 > Pass

A .- You have considerably bet ter than a minimum opening bid, but finding a good rebid is not easy. If you had a sixth beart, a jump to three bearts would describe your hand nicely, but we are not keen on that action with only a five-card suit. A jump to four diamonds could bypass your best contract—three no trump. Therefore, we would settle for the slight underbid of three diamonds. Parlner is unlikely tu pass unless he was sub-minimum for his response, in which case you are probably in a

Q.6-Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ A62 ♥ Q85 ♦ AQJ5 ₱ 1074 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 0 1 + 20 Pass 3 V . Pass ?

What do you bid now? A .- Partner's jump in hearts has improved your band cun-siderably. Your queen of hearts is a most important card, so slam is a distinct possibility. You can convey your interest to partner by cue bidding three spades.

Q.7 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: ♦9852 ♥Q6 ♦A83 ♣AK107 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass INT Pass 3 7 Pass What action do you take?

A - Partner's hid is forcing, so you have to choose between raising to four hearts or rebidding three no trump. Since you do not have a true spade stopper, a raise to four hearts should be the unanimouis choice - on this auction, Q-x is more than adequate

Q.8-As South, vulnerable. you hold:

¥Q952 ♥A8 ♦A76 4Q1076 The bidding has proceeded: East South West North Pass Pass Pass 1 0

What do you hid now? A.—As a passed hand, you could hardly hold more. However, your hand is uosuited for a jump response, and you should suppress the urge to leap to three no

Regardless of sovereignty, the land is theirs

Sinai: Home of the Bedouin

BIR EL-ADED, Occupied Sinai, of goats when the mountain peaks Jan. 15 (AP)--Egypt and Israel may settle the issue of sovereignty over the Sinai Peninsula but the stark and arid land really belongs to the Bednuin tribesmen who live here. A few days in the Sinai interior make clear this is bedouin country no matter which nation

occupies it. Just over the hills from the few coastal settlements, the oil towns or the military airfields, the nomadic ways, bedonin go about their lives much the same as they have for hundreds of years.

In this village 24 kilometres bedouin girls take out their flocks on the Gulf of Aqaba and a dozen

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 16, 1979

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can easily get bogged

down in the tedious details of every-day living today and

lose out on some important matters. Make sure you are

ARIES |Mar. 21 to Apr. 19| Get right duwn to the nitty-

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Relax where some

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Home affairs could be

MOON CHILDREN June 22 to July 211 You may not

LEO [July 22 to Aug. 21] Do things in a more practical

fashion so that you get better results. Use economy

VIRGO [Aug. 22 to Sept. 22] Good day to study your

surroundings and make steps to improve them. Make ar-

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Nut a good day to consult

with an adviser who is too husy with own affairs. Avoid

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Show your friends that

you will go far to be of help to them, and you reap fine

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Attend to outside

CAPRICORN [Dec. 22 to Jan. 20] Approach a difficult

project from a different angle and get good results. Be

AQUARIUS IJan. 21 to Feb. 191 Handle practical af-

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ing with associates today or there could be arguments.

tasks that are not appealing but need handling now.

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stagnant now, so perk them up in some way. Take no risks

creative ideas are concerned that you are having difficulty

gritty of any work ahead of you, whether at home or on

alert to new opportunities coming your way.

with. You can get better results another day.

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rangements for future social entertainment.

benefits. Handle a business matter wisely.

Strive for harmony with family members.

sure to express yourself well with others.

get excellent results. Strive for happiness.

Plan time to be with good friends later.

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east their first jugged shadows in the morning sun. Bedonin wumen gather at the well and men depart on missions into the hills.

The Sinai, traditional bridge between Africa and Asia and a hartlefield in Egyptan-Israeli wars, has a population of about 100,000, An estimated 70,000 are bedouin tribesmen-some settled but most pursuing traditional

About 3tl Hott non-bedouin live in the northern coastal town of El-Arish. There are a tew Arahs and Israelis at oil sites on the Snez inland from the Gulf of Suez. Gulf, a few hundred Israeli settlers

Greek Orthodox monks at St. Catherine Monastery.

In an Israeli-Egyptian peace settlement, Israel will gradually withdraw its troops from the Sinai and Egypt will return. And the bedonin? "Nohody has bothered to ask them," said Clinton Bailey. who feetures on bedowin culture at Tel Aviv University.

The bedown will go on much as before--making a Irugal living with their herds, trading, harvesting date palms, tilling patches of land near oases and working for whoever controls the Sinat.

According to Mr. Bailey, there are about 30 bedouin tribes in the Sinai, on area of 62,400 square kilometres. It seems higger because the land is so barren.

The bedouin feel the desert belongs to them and any government is illegitimate." Mr. Bailey said, "Any government that takes an interest in the desert does it at the expense (if the bedouin."

Under occupation, military disengagement lines have interrupted trading routes from Saudi Arahia and Jordan to Egypt. Grazing lands have been expropreated for army training grounds or 'airlields, and bedouin camels trigger electronic sensors in the Demiliarised Zone, monitored by a U.S. post set up to keep Egyption and Israeli armies apart.

Modern life has impinged on bedown ways. Pickup trucks now kick up plunies of dust across the Smal, rubber tubing is used to carry water from wells to cultivated plots and the plastic can has replaced the goatskin water-

Bedorón won't talk openly to strangers, "They put a lot of stock in deceroic and reserve," said Mr. Builey, who has spent much time with the bedomin.

Why are so many Bedonin pickup trucks blue? Is it because blue is protection against the evil eye? "We have other colours," answers a white-robed bedouin. But why so many blue trucks, persists a tourist? "Who knows," the bedouin shrugs, "Maybe we like

shares closed generally higher.

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IN VERY HUMBLE PLACES

BOOKS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Equities firmed slightly Monday despite in the industrial gloomy

The better than expected December U.K. trade figures pushed

Government bonds were marked up 1/s point after the trade figures having held steady earlier while U.S.. Canadian and Australian

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outlook in view of the road haulage drivers' strike, dealers said.

Tumover was small and at 19:00 the F.T. index was up 4.8 at 479.5.

prices slightly higher towards the close, dealers said.

The old bedouin ways predominate. Women are veiled and hover in the background. The pickup truck hasn't replaced the camel and pita bread is still baked directly on the desert sand with only a few hrushwood coals needed to bake the flat disks.

The tradition of desert hospitality is preserved. At the tombs of sheiks where hedouin tribes gather, one hudding is reserved for the weary traveler and stocked with collee, ica, sugar and cooking implements.

At one of the tombs, the ground is still black with blood of a sacrilicial goat where a tribal meeting had recently been held.

According to Mr. Bailey, the bedouin are uneasy about the return of Fgyptian rule. Like the Israelis, the Egyptians are outsiders.

Mr. Bailey believes the bedouin would prohably prefer some sort of United Nations control of the Sinai and a U.N.-operated civiladministration, "If there was no government at all they would be, happiest," he said.

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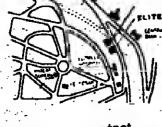
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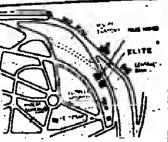
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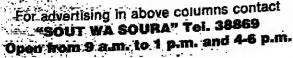


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U.S. Congress likely to focus on issue of government spending

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (R)-- The question of government money and how not to spend it is likely to dominate the 96th U.S. Congress, which opens today. The White House has said it shares widspread concern in the country over government spending and growing inflation, and President Carter has promised an austerity government.

He plans to cut back sharply on social programmes to reduce inflation, now running at around ten per cent a year, and to reverse an economic decline in advance of the 1980 presidential election.

But the Congress elected last November is known to be more conservative than its predecessor, and House of Representatives Democratic Majority Leader Jim Wright said recently it would probably want to cut spending even further than the president envisaged.

Given that mood, the White House was gearing up to fight the inevitable pressure from conservative congressmen for trade protección measures.

Stiff opposition

But the president may also run into stiff opposition from his party's own liberal wing, led by

Sudan, Egypt to seek aid for feasibility study of economic integration plan

KHARTOUM, Jan. 15 (R)--Sudan and Egypt have decided to ask for financial aid from the United Nations Development Programme for a feasibility study of their joint economic integration plan, the Sudanese News Agency reported yesterday

It said the seventh session of the Joint Higher Ministerial Committee for Integration between the two countries agreed yesterday to establish a feasibility studies

The meeting agreed to form a joint committee of the ministers of finance and planning in the two countries to review the integration

Portugal, colonial ruler of the tiny The Ministerial Committee agreed to make studies on the enclave of Macao on the Chinese sugar industry, tractor assembly, food canning, and leather prodiplomatic relations within days.

Turkish minister resigns hy profession and was serving as

spokesman.

ANKARA, Jan. 15 (R)--Turkish Defence Minister Hasan Isik resigned yesterday and political sources said his action was a result of disagreements with Premier Bulent Ecevit.

Mr. Isik, in announcing his resignation, said only that he did not think he could serve any further useful purpose in the cabinet. He was replaced by Senator Neset

Political sources said the differences between Mr. Isik and the prime minister may have centred on forthcoming talks with the United States about American military installations in Turkey.

In other news, Turkey's new interior minister appealed to all to assist him in his job which he said he takes over "at a very difficult

Premier Ecevit last night appointed Senator Hasan Fehmi Gunes from his Republican People's Party (RPP) to replace Mr.

Irfan Ozaydinli who had resigned

on Jan. 2 Mr. Gunes, 45, RPP senator from the northwestern province of Sakarya, took up his dutics last night from Acting Interior Minister and Deputy-Premier Orhan Eyuboglu. Mr. Gunes is a lawyer

cessing and agreed on full cooperation in the textile industry, the agency added.

In the field of education, the two sides agreed to unify the curriculum in the two countries and to recognise university degrees in

A Sudanese information centre will be established in Cairo and an Egyptian one in Khartoum.

PEKING, Jan. 15 (R)--China and

coast, are expected to establish

his party's deputy senate group

Major civil disturbances in the

maras last month, and consequent

imposition of martial law in 13

provinces, had led to the res-

ignation of Mr. Ozaydinli who had

come under heavy criticism both

from his own party and the oppos-

southeastern city of Kahraman-

Senator Edward Kennedy. Senator Kennedy, sounding

more and more like a contender for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination, bas expressed concern lest Mr. Carter should sacrifice social programmes in favour of hig husiness, the wealthy and defence spending.

On foreign policy, Mr. Carter may face a hard fight to get the expected new Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) treaty with the Soviet Union ratified by Congress.

Senate Republican Minority Leader Howard Baker said in a weekend television interview that the president had undermined his foreign policy relations with Congress by suddenly announcing U.S. recognition of China without prior consultadons.

The projected Salt-II accord has already come under fire from conservatives and Senator Baker said he would find difficulty in supporting it.

He said congressional concern over the treaty would be increased if, as seemed possible from the current unrest in Iran, the United States lost the extensive electronic surveillance installations it maintains there to monitor Soviet mis-

China, Portugal expected to

establish ties 'within days'

Western diplomatic sources said

There was no immediate indi-

cation of whether Macao, famed

for its gambling, high life and

annual grand prix race, would stay

There was speculation in Peking

that the enclave, ruled by Portugal

since 1557, might return to Chin-

ese sovereignty but keep its social

and economic system as a signal to

Nationalist Taiwan that China's

leaders are sincere in their reunifi-

China has had no ties with Por-

tugal since the Communist

takeover in 1949. Diplomatic

sources said Lisbon had been

seeking formal ties for some time.

U.K. has new "test-tube baby"

under the Portuguese flag.

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cation offers.



Automatic sorter speeds the mail along

Twin electronic scanners take only 50,000th of second to decipher a postcode and destination. Deutsche Bundespost's new automatic sorter can handle up to 60,000 letters an hour provided they are addressed "legibly," which only 50 per cent are as yet. The first of these automatic sorters was inaugurated in Wiesbaden, West Germany by Post

and Telecommunications Minister Kurt Gscheidle. Sixty-four more are to be taken into service by 1990. The Bundespost has been automating sorting since the early sixties and hopes the new generation of sorters will make the postal service profitable, which-unlike the telecommunications division-it is not at present. (DaD photo)

Conflicting reports emerge on situation in Afghanistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Jan. 15 (R) -- Dissidents seeking to topple the pro-communist regime in Afghanistan said vesterday fightng had spread to a northern pro-

vince bordering the Soviet Union. But Afghan diplomats in Pakistan denied reports of fighting and

ing on an isthmus and two small

islands of the Pearl River delta.

was for centuries the only Western

It became a quiet backwater of

commerce after Britain and other

Western powers forced their way

on to the Chinese mainland in the

It has remained a major source

of foreign revenue for China.

though falling far short of the Brit-

ish colony of Hong Kong across

The Portugese governor of

Macao toured parts of south

China last year, the first time since

ruler had visited China.

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the Pearl River.

said the situation was under con-Government opponents living in exile here said they had reports that fighting had erupted for the

first time in Badakshan, Afghanistan's northernmost province in the 6.000-metre peaks of the Pamir They said anti-government tribesmen and guerrillas briefly

occupied the administrative and military centre of Baharak before severe bombardment and counter-attacks by paratroops seized power in a conp last April: forced them 10 withdraw. According to their reports, for

which there was no independent confirmation, 54 men, women and children were killed during the withdrawal.

The dissidents said fighting continued for two weeks during which the guerrillas claimed to have killed 100 soldiers, two officers and senior government officials.

The reports said a MiG pilot of the Afghan Air Force and a helicopter pilot refused to attack the dissidents and were jailed.

Four Soviet soldiers and a tribesman were reported killed when a cavalry unit tried to prevent migrating Afghan nomads from grazing their sheep.

The dissidents said many Afghans resented the influx of Soviet advisers which followed soon after the government of President Nur Mobammad Tarakki

Other reports said fighting, which first erupted soon after the coup, was continuing in Kunar province to the south where several thousand guerrillas are said to be poised to attack the provincial. capital of Chigha Serai. They said communications and transport had been cut between Kunar province and the city of Jalalahad to

Pakistan orders release of 2 former ministers

at least 1949 that Macao's colonial Pakistani court yesteroay ordered the release of two former minisers détained under martial la regulations 16 months ago.

> After almost one year of legal arguments by the two former ministers, the Sind High Court ruled that their detention was invalid and unlawful and ordered

> their release from house arrest. Mr. Mumtaz Bhutto will remain under house arrest until the court rules on a separate petition against his detention for escaping from

another setback for the military regime of army chief General

It seemed to reflect unease within the judiciary over General Haq's apparent failure to act on a Supreme Court ruling 14 months ago that endorsed the martial law regime but called for elections witbout unreasonable delay.

Mr. Pirzada and Mr. Mumtaz Bhutto were detained in September. 1977, shortly after the former prime minister was arrested and convicted on a charge of ordering the assassination of a political opponent in 1974.

The two former ministers both enjoy considerable tribal and regional following in Pakistan's southernmost Sind province, home of the ex-premier.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Blizzard paralyses much of midwestern I CHICAGO. Jan. 15 (R) - Biting Arctic winds today grint American midwest, still reeling from its worst blizzard since Temperatures plunged to -17.8 centigrade in a few hours jes after the blizzard buried parts of Iowa, Wisconsin. Illinois

and Michigan under two feet of snow on Saturday. The

paralysed much of the midwest and virtually shut down? America's second largest city. As Chicago and other century

dig out, weather forecasters said more snow was on the

MADRID, Jan. 15 (R) — Iraqi Commerce Minister Has arrived today for an official visit and talks with Spanish off

increasing trade between the two countries. At present

huge imbalance in bilateral trade in favour of Iraq. Spanis

lion worth of goods-mainly oil-to Spain while Spanish ex Iraq total only \$50 million. The situation improved in the

months when contracts were signed for the export of South

phone equipment and locomotives to Iraq, Mr. Garcia Di

ATLANTA, Georgia, Jan. 15 (R) - Chinese Vice-Press

Xiaoping will begin his historic visit to the United States of

with scheduled appearances in Washington; and three other

can cities. White House officials said the vice-premier work

Washington on Jan. 28, to start his formal nine-day visit the

He will be in Washington until Jan. 31 and will spend two day

Itinerary announced for Deng's U.S. vi

merce Minister Jose Antonio Garcia Diaz said. Iraq sells-\$5

Spain, Iraq begin talks on increasing tra-

another storm likely tomorrow.

KARACHI, Jan. 15 (R) - A

They are former Law Minister Hafeez Pirzada and Communications Minister Mumtaz Ali Bhutto, a cousin of ex-premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who is himself in jail awaiong a ruling on his

appeal against a death sentence.

Yesterday's court order was

LONDON, Jan. 15 (R)-A secnamed Alastair James Lauchlan first used the method successfully Montgomery, weighed 2.62 kilog-, on Lesley Brown. She gave birth last July 25 in a hospital in the

ond test-tube haby has been born in Britain, the Daily Mail newspaper reported today

born yesterday in a Glasgow hospital following the same method of fertilisation which led to the world's first test-tube bahy, born in England last year.

led to the births was performed by surgeon Patrick Steptoe.

In both cases the implant which

It said that the child, a boy, was

The paper said the baby, although born a month early, was

delivered normally. Its mother is

32-year-nld cooking teacher

Grace Montgomery. The baby,

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Mr. Steptoe and physiologist Robert Edwards pioneered a technique to fertilise a human egg-cell outside the body and then re-implant the embryo in its mother's womb. It is used on women whose fallopian ruhes are blocked and so egg cells cannot pass normally from the ovaries to

the womb. Mr. Steptoe and Dr. Edwards

northwest England town of Oldham. That first test-tube bahy, named Louise, was reported doing

A second test-tube bahy was reported born in Calcutta last October, and the doctors involved said they would make a full report on their procedure to the Indian Science Congress scheduled to meet this month in Hyderabad.

Getting more out of coffee

by Carol Wahl

The coffee plant is best known for its bean, which, when roasted. ground and brewed, makes one of the most widely consumed infusions in the world. But the celehrated and commercially lucrative bean is literally surrounded by substances that are usually discarded as waste product, coffee pulp, is produced in such abundant quantities that it poses a pollution problem. Recent studies reveal, however, that bis waste product is an excellent fertiliser and a source of food for farm animals, and could have as much economic impact as the coffee bean

In 1971, a comprehensive research programme on coffee pulp was begun by the Division of Agriculture and Food Science of the Nutrition Institute of Central America and Panama (INCAP). with headquarters in Guatemala, and was later financially backed by the Canadian-hased International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Although not conclusive, the results of this study--soon to be published in Spanish and English by IDRC--present a truly promising outlook for this agricultural by-

Coffee pulp is a thick layer (five mm.) of spongy cells that surround the coffee bean on the coffee fruit. It is the first by-product obtained in processing and is equivalent to per cent dry weight of the entire fruit. But the water content of this substance--between 60 and 80 per cent-constitutes a major stumbling block to its full utilisation because when used fresh it is costly to transport, handle and The feasibility of incorporating

coffee pulp into animal rations is increased by two factors. First, a lengthy, seven-month coffee harvesting season assures a ready and plentiful supply. Secondly, the pulp is a good source of nourishment for animals as it contains important quantities of raw protein and nitrogen, and is as rich in these essential elements as cotton or soy flour. Also present in the pulp are raw fibres, ash, potassium, carbohydrates, fats and other organic compounds such as caffein and tannins.

After conducting long and varied feeding experiments on several types of animals using different amounts of coffee pulp, these toxic substances from the processed in different ways, pulp. If done on an industrial INCAP researchers conclude that, scale, these compounds could be coffee pulp can be used suc- used as raw materials for other

cessfully in the raising of cattle, industries. pigs and even fish. The only farm animal that had an overtly negative reaction to this substance was the chicken.

Despite the encouraging outcome of research on the use of coffee pulp in animal feed, researchers have discovered certain poor palatability of this byproduct results in reduced feed consumption as compared to normal rations and consequently in reduced weight gain in animals. This problem can be somewhat

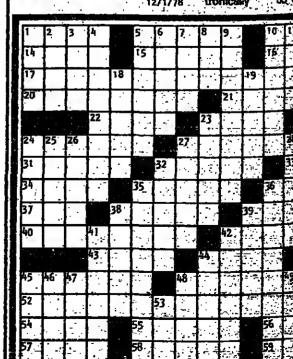
remedied by mixing sugarcane molasses or grass with the pulp. Experiments have also shown that the amount of pulp that can be used in animal feed without producing toxic effects (weight loss, sores on the skin, hair loss, etc.) differs for each species according to their level of tolerance. These adverse reactions are believed to be caused by the caffein and tannins present in the pulp. More research is needed to determine the precise mechanisms. involved in these negative reactions and to find the means of. eliminating them. One possibility, say the researchers, is to extract

In addition to its potential as a source of animal feed, coffee pulp has proved to be a good fertiliser. It is often employed as such in the coffee plantations where it accumulates after processing. Thus far, results using this fertiliser have been positive, but further limitations. One of them is that the work is needed in order to determine how this substance could be exploited on an industrial and commercial scale. The rational use of this by-

product could have far-reaching social and economic implications. For instance, the use of all parts of the coffee plant, and especially the pulp, would make the coffee industry more coherent, integrated and efficient. Even more important, the use of coffee pulp could have tremendous impact on a serious problem currently afflicting some developing countries: the competition between man and animal for the same food. As the ingredients for animal feed-mainly grains and other food crops such as cassava -- become scarcer, the price of feed is skyrocketing. Coffee pulp, which is not suitable for burnan consumption but which is usable in animal feed, could help free urgently needed food to feed an ever-increasing buman pop-

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